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Lebanon-Syria

Contacts — Lebanon expects to resume contacts with Syria soon, according to Beirut radio. During a meeting to assess the problems of and prepare for the "post-signing stage," Lebanese President Amin al-Jumayyil and Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan discussed issues that will be debated with Syria when negotiations begin, the radio said. Unlike the talks with Israel, which focused only on troop withdrawals, those with Syria will concentrate on strengthening relations and cooperation in various areas. Although Syria continues to oppose the withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon, "well-informed sources" in Damascus doubt it will take measures against the Lebanese Government, another Beirut radio report said, adding that Syria prefers to keep channels of contact open while letting the world speculate about its future plans. The canceling of the press conference at which Syria was expected to announce sanctions against Lebanon without any explanation indicates that the Syrian campaign against the Lebanese-Israeli accord is beginning to abate, according to the radio's sources.

Radio Monte Carlo reported from Damascus that no contacts have taken place between Syria and Lebanon since the signing of the accord and quoted Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam as saying that there is "nothing to be discussed" except ways to prevent the agreement from being implemented. Meanwhile, a special envoy of Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad will deliver messages from the president to heads of "fraternal" Arab countries this weekend, Damascus radio reported.

Military Situation — Syria deployed "new sophisticated weapons" and troops in Al-Biqa' on 18 May, according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon. The military preparations in the area now exceed those made prior to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war, the radio said. Meanwhile, Druze Leader Amir Faysal Arslan affirmed his support for President al-Jumayyil's government and called for the deployment of the Lebanese Army without any conditions or restrictions in Druze-inhabited areas, Voice of Lebanon radio said.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait

Both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait pledged support for Syria if war erupts between Syria and Israel. An article in the 17 May Jidda daily *'Ukaz* affirmed that there should be "no doubt" that Saudi Arabia will "fully support" Syria or any other Arab country subjected to aggression. Subsequently, Kuwaiti Defense Minister Shaykh Salim Sabah as-Salim stated that his country will offer all aid it can to Syria in the event of war, QNA reported. Meanwhile, Saudi King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz received presidential envoy Philip Habib, who arrived in the Kingdom within the framework of his current Middle East tour, according to SPA.

GCC Meeting

The GCC Ministerial Council, in a resolution issued after its meeting in Riyadh, acknowledged the "free will expressed by Lebanon through its constitutional institutions, which deserve the respect of the GCC states." The resolution, carried by SPA, stressed the Council's "eagerness" to see the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon, Arab solidarity, and an end disputes among "brothers," especially during this "sensitive" period.

PLO

The mutiny against PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat in Al-Biqa' has been contained without bloodshed and matters have returned to normal, according to "leading" Palestinian sources cited by Radio Monte Carlo. The dissidents' aim was to carry out "reformatory action" to apply democracy and dialogue without resorting to arms, dissident leader Abu Musa told Beirut's *As-Safir*, according to another radio report. In a lengthy interview with the Amman daily *Ar-Ra'y*, PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir confirmed that no clashes had taken place among the Palestinian forces and praised the wisdom and patience of the Fatah command in dealing with the mutiny.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iranian forces shelling Iraqi oil installations in the port of Al-Faw hit and set ablaze several oil tanks, killing or wounding "countless" Iraqis, Tehran radio reported. Meanwhile, the commander of the Iraqi Navy claimed that among the eight Iranian "naval targets" his forces destroyed in the past 20 days were two warships,"among the best" Iranian Navy vessels, INA said.

Iran

An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the "rumor" spread by CBS Television of Iranian involvement in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut illustrates the "imperialist" mass media's "continued plot" against the Islamic Republic and its attempts to mislead world public opinion, Tehran radio reported.

YAR

President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih has been renominated for another presidential term following his resignation at the end of his current term, according to an announcement cited by WAKH.

Libya

If the United States puts Libya in a difficult economic situation, Libya could be forced to find other sources of income and become "a major tourist nation," Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi declared in an interview with the Stockholm paper *Dagens Nyheter*.

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AFP: Truce Between Rebel Leader, Soviets Still Holding

BK191720 Hong Kong AFP in English 1318 GMT 19 May 83

[By Michel Martin Roland]

[Text] Islamabad, May 19 (AFP) — A four-month-old truce, agreed to by [word indistinct] resistance group in the Panjshir Valley north of Kabul and Soviet-Afghan troops in the region, is apparently still holding, a Turkish journalist has reported.

The leader of the mujahedeen unit, "Commander" Ahmad Shah Masud, told journalist Coksun Aral on May 3 that he had agreed to the truce in January in order to "rebuild" the valley after it had been devastated by six Soviet offensives in three years.

Mr Aral, who was in the valley clandestinely from April 25 to May 9 on an assignment for the photographic agency SIPA PRESS, said resistance forces and Soviet-Afghan units deployed close to one another in the southern part of the [words indistinct] Pakistan.

There have been numerous unconfirmed (?reports) since the beginning of the year that Soviet military authorities have put forward ceasefire offers to prominent rebel leaders in northern Afghanistan. Until now, however, the truce reported in the Panjshir Valley is the only agreement that is said to have materialized.

That accord, of unlimited length, was negotiated in the Afghhan capital Kabul between Soviet officers and representatives of Mr Masud, Mr Aral said. Soviet authorities immediately ceased their air strikes on the valley and agreed to reopen the road between Panjshir and the capital.

In return, Mr Masud's group allowed the Soviets to withdraw from their southern outpost at Ruka, which had been encircled, and stopped attacking their position at Onawa, the forward-most point in the area.

Mujahedeen today cross Soviet lines at Onawa by car without being searched while their arms caravans pass by Soviet authorities without being disturbed, Mr Aral observed.

In the valley itself, morale is high and residents have begun rebuilding bombed out villages, farm land has been restored and the food situation has improved dramatically, he said.

Mr Aral reported that "Commander" Masud told him the truce had also enabled the exchange of several dozen Soviet and Afghan prisoners for mujahedeen forces imprisoned in Kabul.

The Panjshir Valley, according to numerous eyewitnesses, has been ravaged by six major offensives since the Soviet Army entered Afghanistan in December, 1979.

More than half the population fled the area in the last offensive during the autumn of 1982 but some 4,000 rebels under Mr Masud managed to stay active.

Mr Aral disclosed that the mujahedeen leader expected the truce to be broken at any moment but had affirmed that his forces were prepared to repulse any new offensive, especially with the anti-aircraft guns that have just been received and distributed amongst the villages in the valley.

Six "spies" for the Kabul government, Mr Masud said, were arrested earlier this month after coming to Panjshir to locate mujahedeen defensive intallations.

Second Group of Prisoners Released 19 May

LD191754 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] In accordance with a DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium decree on the discharge and reduction of prison terms, a second group of prisoners arrested because of crimes against the revolution was released this morning to mark the fifth anniversary of the April Revolution.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that, at a meeting in Pol-e Charkhi Prison, a security official expressed hope that they will no longer fall prey to the deception of the enemies of the DRA revolution and the toiling people and will play an important role for the construction of a prosperous society under the leadership of the PDPA.

Speaking on behalf of the others, two of the released prisoners, (Ahmad Najib) and (Abdol Wahid), denounced the deeds of the enemies of the DRA revolution and toiling people. They pledged not to be deceived any more by the traitors to the homeland, revolution, and people; and with their friends will work to the end for the people's well-being.

They also asked the other compatriots who have fallen prey to the deception of the enemies of the homeland and revolution to realize the humane policy of the party and government and to join their revolutionary party and government and take part in the construction of a tranquil and prosperous society.

Security Forces Capture Rebels in Qonduz Province

LD191648 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] The brave and heroic security forces of Qonduz Province recently crushed a rebel leader known as Sofi Sarwar along with 18 companions in Qalacha village, Qonduz Province. A number of these criminals were captured.

'Afghan Milliyat' Members Issue Statement

LD191635 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0429 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] Kabul, May 18, BAKHTAR — Following is the text of message of members of so-called "Afghan Milliyat."

Recently all the members of the central nucleus of the so-called "Afghan MilliyatOrganisation" who had been acting against the interests of the people and the revolution were arrested and they all confessed to their anti-public, anti-revolutionary deeds.

While expressing repentance for their past actions, they declared the dissolution of their organisation and through a message they demanded from the rest of the deceived, who act against the revolution, to join the peoples, party and the state. The original text of message of the central nucleus of the so-called Afghan Milliyat Organisation is published here as follows:

Deceived brothers, sisters and compatriots: We, the members of the Central Committee of Afghan Milliyat Organisation, hereby declare that: The Organisation of Afghan Milliyat that came into being in Afghanistan ever since the last few years has been actively engaged in political activities by means of putting forward special programs and has brought together a number of our compatriots around itself and has begun its activities with misguiding and nationalistic incitings.

After the victory of Sawr Revolution and with the start of the American imperialistic plots against the Sawr Revolution, Afghan Milliyat also accepted the anti-revolutionary course and contrary to what it had in its platform, that is hostility and safeguarding the national independence, in action it practically joined the rows of the Britishers and Americans. It then seemed that a number of the leading members of Afghan Milliyat had in reality no belief in the welfare and tranquillity of the people of Afghanistan and another few such as Shamsullhudda, the CIA spy and Hadad the British spy were using Afghan Milliyat, under the instructions of their masters as a means of pursuit of malicious plans of their masters. Consequently they placed "Afghan Milliyat" along the bands that belong to the enemies of Afghanistan such as the bands of Gulbuddin, Burhanuddin, Sayyaf, Gailani etc. who are the servants and lackeys of Western imperialism. And through distribution of leaflets, falsification of facts and generating of wrong rumours they attacked cowardly the good intention and progressive aims of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan. Such plots continued even after the new phase of the Sawr Revolution. The great error of all the Afghan Milliyat member who were truthful and loyal to freedom and tranquillity of our nation was reflected in the fact that we continued our antagonism and unaware hostility with the Sawr Revolution even after its new phase.

The ever repeated errors of the so-called Organisation of Afghan milliyat during the period of its existence if the political sphere of the country and its inability to take decisions and adopt a people's stand in the face of political and social events in Afghanistan, placed Afghan Milliyat in line with the narrow-minded organisations and nationalists like the type that existed in Germany, India and Pinochet of Chile. It became evident to us that a narrow-minded nationalism and the determined policy did not conform with the interest of the people of Afghanistan and only the enemies of the toiling people of our country benefited therefrom. We therefore demand from all the truthful and loyal members of Afghan Milliyat who have not been made yet filthy by the criminal plots of American imperialism and have not yet signed the pledge of servitude to the enemies of Afghanistan, to accept the dissolution of the Organisation of Afghan Milliyat and before history would place them along the ranks of Hitlerites, Pinochets and Pol Pots. They should realise their mistakes and should defend the Sawr Revolution. We can see at this time clearly that the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the Government of DRA specially after the new phase of Sawr Revolution has reached the same historical stage which we desire too. Hence there is no need to get posed against our own road and stand hostile to our national and democratic revolution.

Muslim compatriots, sisters and brothers, the members of Afghan Milliyat who are residing here and abroad shall work and struggle side by side with other true sons of our country with devotion and human endeavour under the leadership of the PDPA and that of the DRA for realising of the aims of the Sawr Revolution.

We have gained assurance that the PDPA is the only representative of the working class and the toilers of the country, leading all the anti-imperialsim and anti-national powers in Afghanistan.

With publishing this message we the members of Afghan Milliyat, declare the dissolution of our organisaiton and sincerely request from all the members of Afghan Milliyat here and abroad and from all deceived who unknowingly have fallen victims in the trap of the enemies of revolution and indulge into bloodshed and murder of their brothers to return to their homes and shelters and resume life there and in order to fulfill your responsibilities before God and the homeland and the nation, along with the rest of the people of Afghanistan under the leadership of the PDPA and the Government of DRA headed by honourable Babrak Karmal the party and state leader of Afghanistan should repulse every sort of interference, destruction, intrigue and plots in the internal affairs of our country.[sentence as received]

We declare outrightly that all those progressive states which are interested in the building up of our dear country and in the welfare and tranquillity of the people of Afghanistan are undoubtedly our freinds and we should all struggle with uncon

apartheid and shall disclose and expose all the international protectors of such decayed and anti-human regimes. (We seek God's help)

Official Delegation Visits Paktika Province

LD191940 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] A delegation consisting of PDPA Central Committee Secretary Mer Saheb Karwal, Minister of Public Works Nazar Mohammad, Minister of Irrigation Mohammad Shah Sorkhabi, the head of local organs, the deputy head of the Party Central Committee Propaganda, Popularization, and Training Department, deputy ministers, and heads of departments arrived yesterday in Sharan, capital of Paktika Province.

Accompanied by the head of the southeastern zone and military commander of Paktika Province, the above delegation visited various regions in the province and decided that serious attention must be paid to the communications network, irrigation, peasant cooperatives, the regional radio station, the restoration of mosques, schools and so forth in order to improve the standard of living in the regions and provide further assistance to the people.

According to another report, the above delegation returned to Kabul yesterday afternoon.

Tribal Assembly Opens in Paktika Province
LD192304 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 17 May 83

[Text] A tribal assembly with the elders of the (Sarwan Khel), (Khodadad Khel), ('Ali Zai), (Humayn Zai), (Aka Khel), (Nezam Khel), and (Waza Khwa) tribes opened yesterday at a ceremony in the city of Sharan, capital of Paktika Province.

The meeting was attended by the minister of high jirgah of the nationalities and tribes, Sulayman Laeq; head of the southeastern zone, Shadan Liwal; and a number of party and government figures.

At the meeting, Sulayman Laeq explained in a speech the policy of the party and government to the representatives of the aforementioned tribes and told them the undeclared war of U.S. imperialism and the Pakistani militarists against the peace-loving people of Afghanistan.

Explaining the humane aims and aspirations of the PDPA under the leadership of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council. The minister of high jirgah of nationaltiies and tribes invited them to defend the revolution, homeland, and the people.

Then the head of the southeastern zone, the provincial party committee secretary and the governor of Paktika spoke. Afterward, clergyman ('Abdol Malek), chairman of the tribal assembly of the (Waza Khwa) District, said on behalf of the people that all those who have been misled by the enemies should join their faith-loving government in accordance with the Revolutionary Council Presidium amnesty decree and the law of Mohammad and should take part in the building of their country.

At the conclusion of the assembly, the governor of Paktika presented a volume of the holy Koran as a source of blessings to the preacher of the local mosque. The minister of high jirgah of nationalities and tribes, Sulayman Laeq, presented a number of elders with turbans from the DRA Government.

According to another report, Sulayman Laeq and the head of the southeastern zone and their companions toured the military fort o' (Dara-e Gumol). The officers and troops of the above- mentioned military fort renewed their pledge to defend the homeland, national sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

Karachi Reports Mujahidin Operations in Maidanshar
BK191611 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] The Afghan mujahidin are reported to have destroyed many Karmal regime military barracks and set a petrol pump on fire in Maidanshar, the headquarters of Vardak Province. They also captured eight Karmal regime soldiers. The mujahidin launched this operation as a retaliation against the Soviet-Karmal forces' land and air attacks on the mujahidin's concentration sites, about 2 km from Maidanshar, a few days ago.

Briefs

Uzbek Education Minister Departs — Kabul, May 18, BAKHTAR — Pulatov, minister of high and vocational education of the Soviet Uzbekistan, left Kabul for home today. He had come to Kabul for an official and friendly visit. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0455 gmt 19 may 83 LD]

Punitive Action Against 216 Officials Reported
BK190325 Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali 0100 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] Action has been taken against a total of 216 officials of different government, semigovernment, autonomous organizations, nationalized bodies, and enterprises on charges of inefficiency, misconduct, and corruption under Martial Law No 9 of 1982. Another 339 officials have been acquitted of the charges. The decision to this effect was made on the basis of the recommendation by a select committee headed by Major General (Atiqur Rahman). The committee served notices to 555 officials for inquiry into charges against them and granted them hearings. Out of 216 officials, 19 were suspended from their jobs and 197 were either forced to retire or their service contracts were terminated.

Communist Party Secretary Discusses Domestic Issues
AU171120 Prague Rude Pravo in Czech 14 May 83 p 6

[Interview by *Rude Pravo* staff journalist Milan Madr with Matiur Rahman, secretary of Communist Party Central Committee and *Akota* chief editor, in Czechoslovakia — no date given]

[Text] During his recent stay in Czechoslovakia, Matiur Rahman, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bangladesh [CPB] and chief editor of its central newspaper *Akota*, granted *Rude Pravo* an interview on the current situation in Bangladesh and the party's work.

[Question] What was the development in your country following the establishment of the military government last March?

[Answer] For all practical purposes the Armed Forces had already made their way into the political life after 15 August 1975, when Mujibur Rahman, leader of the national liberation struggle, was murdered and his government toppled in a violent coup d'etat. The present military government has suspended the Constitution, restricted people's fundamental rights, and forbidden political activities. The activity of political parties behind closed doors has become possible only since 1 April 1983.

[Question] What about measures in the economic sphere?

[Answer] The military government has abandoned the nationalization policy. Public enterprises are being returned to the private sector. Doors have been swung wide open to the penetration of foreign capital, which is getting special privileges. The state budget and all economic activity in general are being adapted to the needs of foreign capital. The country's economic dependence is increasing.

[Question] How do these facts affect the situation of the popular masses?

[Answer] The existence of the military regime has brought a further deterioration in the people's economic and social situation. Workers are being increasingly exploited. The middle class is also affected by government policy.

[Question] And what about the farmers, numerically the strongest section of the population?

[Answer] The process of pauperization in the countryside continues. All farmers have been hit by the government's decision to raise the prices of various things necessary for agriculture and by the reduction of prices for agricultural products. Our agriculture is stagnating. The vestiges of feudalism have survived. The government fosters capitalist methods in agriculture. Agricultural reform is being talked about and a commission has been set up which has submitted a report on the matter. The document practically ignores the main problems of the Bangladesh agriculture and recommends that the existing extremely unequal division of land be maintained. It does not even propose eliminating feudal anachrinisms.

[Question] When the People's Republic of Bangladesh was founded in 1971, it adopted secularism, the wordly character of the state, from the start as one of its key principles. This was a response to the situation prior to its independence in which Bangladesh was discriminated against and oppressed as part of Pakistan under the mantle of religion. What is the situation like now in that respect?

[Answer] The military regime is spreading reactionary ideas in the ideological and cultural spheres. It is drawing away from the state's secular character and we are witnessing attempts to make Bangladesh a theocratic "Islamic republic." The party opposes this endeavor, but I would like to say at the same time that the CPB advocates a positive relationship vis-a-vis Islam, because it is the religion of 9/10 of our population and the popular masses are influenced by religious ideology.

[Question] What is the current orientation of foreign policy?

[Answer] In this sphere, the government has been strengthening relations with the imperialist countries and the conservative oil countries, particularly with the United States. To show that it is eligible to receive "aid," it subordinates itself to the dictate of the World Bank and adapts itself to imperialism.

[Question] For what does the CPB strive in this situation?

[Answer] The CPB strives to strengthen the understanding and unity, above all, among the leftist-oriented political parties. At the same time, it also strives to create a broader unity with all democratic forces in the struggle for democracy and democratic rights.

Regarding the strengthening of the unity of the leftist forces, after its third congress in 1980, the party embarked on an initiative the result of which is that seven leftist parties have for a certain time now been consulting in this matter. A 25-point leftist program has been worked out. It is possible that the aforementioned seven parties will be joined by other parties, among them also the former Maoist grouping. However, it is realistic to assume that building an effective leftist alliance will not be a process without difficulties.

As I have already said, the CPB also is trying to build with the other leftist parties a broad democratic front against the state of

emergency and for democracy. Such a broad front for democracy of 15 political parties recently has been successfully created.

[Question] What are the prospects regarding the country's further development in the near future?

[Answer] The military government wants to discuss constitutional and political problems with political parties. There are reports that it plans various new constitutional amendments. But the common denominator of them all is ensuring the Army's control over the future constitutional government and over the state legislative power. It also wants to ensure that the reactionary measures it has implemented in the social and economic sphere remain in effect.

The majority of political parties, including the 15 parties which constitute a broad democratic front, demand the restoration of the 1972 democratic Constitution, the lifting of the state of emergency,and a return to a democratic government. These parties do not reject dialogue with the government, but insist that a suitable atmosphere must be created for it, in which it would be possible for them to operate as broadly as possible.

Foreign Minister To Visit Maldives, Sri Lanka
BK190725 Dhaka BSS in English 0630 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] Dhaka, May 19 BSS — Foreign Minister A.R. Shamsud Doha will pay visits to Maldives and Sri Lanka at the end of this month. The minister visits Maldives on May 26-28 and Sri Lanka May 28-30.

More Election Violence Reported From Kashmir
BK191609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 19 May 83

[Excerpts] In Srinagar the state Congress-I headquarters was set on fire this afternoon and was badly damaged. This followed clashes between the supporters of the Congress-I and the National Conference in which dozens of people are reported to have been injured.

PTI reports that in an incident last night 40 persons were injured when there was a clash between supporters of the National Conference and Congress-I at a village near (Bijbella) township, about 38 km from Srinagar. According to the agency, those injured include a former deputy minister and the district president of the Congress-I in Poonch, (Mohammad Binpandey).

National Conference To Boycott Poll Broadcasts
BK200453 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 20 May 83

[Text] In Srinagar the National Conference is reported to have announced that it will boycott its scheduled poll broadcasts over All-India Radio and Doordarshan [TV]. The details for these broadcasts were finalized last week by a draw of lots at a meeting attended by the chief electoral officer and representatives of different political parties including the National Conference.

The National Conference had boycotted election broadcasts in 1977 assembly elections and 1980 parliamentary elections.

The Janata Party leader, Dr Subramanian Swamy, has expressed shock at the burning of the Congress-I office in Srinagar yesterday. In a statement in Delhi, he urged the Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, to ensure that democratic norms are not interfered with in the course of the election campaign in the state.

The All-India Congress-I Committee general secretary, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, expressing regret at the attack on the Pradesh Congress-I Committee headquarters, said it is becoming clear that the National Conference is not conducting a peaceful campaign.

1,300 Hindu Demonstrators Arrested in Trivandrum
BK200455 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 20 May 83

[Text] In Trivandrum the police arrested more than 1,300 Rashtriya Swyamsevak Sangh [Hindu organization] volunteers last evening. They were arrested when they attempted to take out a procession defying prohibitory orders enforced in the city for a week.

Army Chief Returns From Visit to Vietnam
BK191607 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] The Army chief, General Krishna Rao, returned to New Delhi today after a week's visit to Vietnam. During his stay there, he called on the prime minister, the vice foreign minister, and the chief of the Vietnamese Armed Forces. Gen Rao also visited several Vietnamese Army establishments and units, particularly at Lang Son.

Assam Assembly Session To Convene 30 May
BK200457 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 20 May 83

[Text] The Assam governor, Mr Prakash Mehrotra, has summoned the state assembly to meet on the 30th of this month. Meanwhile, the state government has extended its ban on strikes in various services under the Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1980. The ban applies among others to electricity services, agricultural inputs, and machinery.

Communist Party Delegation Returns From PRC
BK191500 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] A three-member Communist Party of India-Marxist team led by its party general secretary, Namboodripad, returned to New Delhi from China this morning. The team held discussions with the Chinese Communist Party leaders and visited several places in that country.

Rohini Satellite Said To Develop 'Anomalies'
BK191608 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] The operation of a smart sensor camera of the Rohini-D2 satellite now orbiting the earth has been suspended temporarily. This follows anomalies noticed in the spacecraft. The authorities of the Indian Space Research Organization said in Bangalore today that images from the landmark sensor could not be received since Monday. The anomalies are yet to be identified and an investigation is on. The rest of the operations of the spacecraft is continuing.

The satellite, which was launched a month ago, has so far sent over 700 pictures, about 70 percent of them being of Indian landmarks. The space scientists are hopeful of restoring operations of the camera soon.

SRI LANKA

United National Party Registers Landslide Victory

BK191156 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] The United National Party [UNP] secured a landslide victory in both the parliamentary by-elections and the local government elections. The UNP won in 14 of the 18 parliamentary constituencies.

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party [SLFP] which contested 14 seats won only 3. The Mahajana Eksath Peramuna which contested only one seat was able to secure it. The Lanka Sama Samaja Party and the Janata Vimukthi Peramuna were defeated in all seats which they contested.

Political observers point out that special feature of the UNP victory is that they were able to get more seats in the areas where they had received less votes at the referendum which was held last December. The UNP was able to secure large majorities, particularly in the southern province where they had made a poor showing at the referendum. The UNP received its biggest majority in the (Tissamahagame) electorate. The party has won by a majority over 8,000 votes. The UNP won by a narrow margin in the Mahara electorate which is the last result to be announced.

The UNP also gained massive victories in the local government elections. The Tamil United Liberation Front [TULF] won three municipal councils. The SLFP was able to secure only one municipal council.

The UNP was victorious in 25 of 34 urban councils. Independent groups were able to capture power in four urban councils. The TULF secured powers in five urban councils. A feature of municipal councils and urban council elections in Jaffna was a low-voter turnout. The voting for another four urban councils will take place tomorrow.

Deputy Foreign Minister Departs for Syria, Libya
LD191113 Tehran IRNA in English 0955 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] Tehran May 19, IRNA — The deputy foreign affairs minister, Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam, left Tehran for Syria and Libya this morning.

Sheykh ol-Eslam is carrying messages of President 'Ali Khamene'i to Syrian and Libyan presidents, pledging support for stance of Syria and Libya vis-a-vis plots of imperialism and Zionism and also further coordination of stances of the three countries.

During his visit, the Foreign Ministry official will discuss the situation of the region with Syrian and Libyan officials and the ways of encountering plots of Zionism and imperialism.

Second Round of Iranian-Algerian Talks Described
LD192008 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] The second round of talks between the Algerian delegation led by Algerian Prime Minister Ahmed Abdelghani and the Iranian delegation led by Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi continued this afternoon.

According to our correspondent's report, during these talks, discussions and an exchange of views took place in connection with regional problems, particularly Lebanon, African problems, and relations between the two friendly Muslim countries. Commerce Minister 'Asgar-Owladi and the deputy prime minister for institutional affairs were present at the talks.

Algerian Commerce Minister Khellef, who is in Tehran, this afternoon met and had talks with Foreign Minister Velayati. During the meeting, which was also attended by the economic and international affairs under secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, discussions and an exchange of view took place in connection with expanding economic cooperation between the two countries.

Official Denies CBS Report on Beirut Embassy Blast
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[Text] Tehran, May 19, IRNA — A Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman today denied a recent report by the American television network, CBS, charging that Iran was involved in last month's explosion in the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

In a broadcast CBS had alleged that the American intelligence officials had tapped certain telephone conversations between Tehran and Beirut, which proved Iran's involvement in the American Embassy bomb blast in Beirut.

Referring to these allegations, the spokesman said to IRNA that such rumour mongering while being a confession to all out espionage activities by the U.S. agencies which operate under diplomatic disguises, at the same showed continuing plots of imperialist dominated media against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Right after the explosion in the U.S. nest of espionage (in Beirut) we denied any involvement by the Islamic Republic of Iran in the action, he added. It seems that the main incentive behind dissemination of such lies, is our firm support of Syria and our condemnation of the shameful agreement between the regime occupying Qods, and Lebanon. Such stance by the Islamic Republic is sure to provoke wrath of the Zionist regime and the U.S., added the spokesman.

Furthermore, the popular affect of the position assumed by the Islamic Republic of Iran has made them to spread such lies after about a month has elapsed since the incident, in a bid to muddle world public opinion, he concluded.

Iraqi Al-Faw Oil Installations Set on Fire 19 May
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[Text] According to a Central News Unit dispatch from Abadan, the powerful Gendarmerie forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran this morning set ablaze the oil tanks and positions of the Zionist, Ba'thist enemy in the Iraqi port of Al-Faw.

According to this dispatch, at 0810 today, the heroic Gendarmerie forces in the Abadan operational sector, in a series of coordinated and organized operations, using mortars and 106-mm rifles, showered shells into the mercenaries' oil installations, positions, and trenches in Al-Faw. As a result of this effective fire, several enemy oil tanks were destroyed and set ablaze; the sky over the operational sector was covered with dense smoke rising from the burning oil tanks.

During these successful operations, large numbers of trenches and observation posts and foxholes of the puny enemy were also destroyed and countless numbers of the Iraqi mercenaries were either killed or wounded.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,320
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[Communique No 1,320 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. In the past 24 hours, the combatants of Islam continued their activities in the southern operational zone, aimed at strengthening and consolidating their defense positions, foiled enemy movements and activities, and inflicted losses by opening artillery fire on the Saddamists' assembly points. Fire was more intense in the Pol-e Now area where our forces killed or wounded 20 Iraqi servicemen, destroyed a number of their positions, and set fire to one vehicle.

The fire of our combat units on enemy positions on the other side of the Arvand Rud yesterday destroyed four slit trenches and foxholes and a killed number of enemy servicemen.

In the western operational zone, our combatants continued their activities by crushing enemy positions and trenches. Enemy construction operations along the lines of contact were disrupted by our forces' heavy weapons fire and the artillery units of the Islamic army silenced the enemy's artillery.

The city of Sar-e Pol-e Zahab yesterday came under the intense fire of the Saddamist mercenaries; one of our compatriots was wounded.

Residential areas of Abadan also came under the enemy's long-range weapons' fire, which destroyed five houses and shops.

In the past 24 hours, enemy air raids on several border cities were met with a barrage of fire from our air defense units, and the intruding aircraft were forced to flee.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

War Propaganda Office Statement on Media 'Collusion'

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[Statement issued by War Propaganda Staff Headquarters —date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Imperialist-Zionist military, economic, and propaganda support for the Baghdad Ba'thist regime has entered a blatant new stage. In recent weeks, the imperialist media network has made great a effort to prevent the broadcast and dissemination of any report that might destroy the remnants of political credibility of Saddam's pro-Western regime. The world mass media, which during Farvardin 1358 [21 March to 20 April 1979] did not report to the world the martyrdom of Ayatollah Mohammad [Baqer as-Sadr] at the hands of the criminal henchmen of the Zionist Iraqi regime, now have not supplied any report for the interest of world public opinion about the arrest of another group of clergymen from the religious seminary in the holy city of An-Najaf, which took place last week and about which all the Iraqi people have learned.

In the same way, the Eastern and Western mass media did not react in any way whatsoever to the deliberate bombing of several cities in southeast Iraq, including Az-Zubayr, At-Tannumah, and Al-Musharrah, by the Air Force of the Saddamist regime, which took place recently as vengeance inflicted on the Muslim inhabitants of these cities who are generally against the Ba'thist regime; only the Libyan agency informed the world of this.

To safeguard its interests in defending U.S. Islam [as heard] last month, imperialist media provided a great deal of news coverage on the caricature of a conference entitled the Conference of Islamic People in Baghdad, whereas several months earlier it did not carry any reports on the wiping out and destruction of the Iraqi city of Ad-Dujayl, a city which has been totally wiped out and its houses and palm groves destroyed. Only the economic publication *The Economist* reported this horrible crime. Thus, the mutual relations between the Eastern and Western news monopolists and the Baghdad Ba'thist regime and their animosity toward Islam and the Islamic Revolution became even more obvious.

Following the complete exposure of this vast conspiracy, the Iraqi people and the world Muslims now have a right to ask the Western and Eastern agencies what possible justification they could have for refusing to report this news about Iraq to the world and for concealing the daily crimes perpetrated by the Ba'thists in that country. Can they possibly blame the paucity of their financial and technical capabilities in their numerous offices in Baghdad and a few other Iraqi cities for this blatant censorship, or are they resorting to such ludicrous pretexts as observing the Ba'thist regime's censorship in order to hide their collusion?

The War Propaganda Staff Headquarters condemns this conspiracy of silence by the agencies and mass media of both West and East concerning the crimes and calamities occurring daily in Iraq ,and notes that in view of the growth of the world Muslims' political awareness such a conspiracy is condemned to disgrace and destruction, just as the imperialist media's conspiracy of silence aimed at stabilizing the foundations of the imperial regime in Iran culminated in an increasing disgrace of the Western and Eastern agencies.

[Signed] War Propaganda Staff Headquarters

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Lauds Guards' Vigilance

GF200632 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 20 May 83

[Excerpts] According to the Central News Unit, a group of the vigilance and supervision cadre [as heard] and the information and operations' department of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of District 10 last night met with Islamic Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

During this meeting, one of the officials presented a report on the activities of the unit to the Islamic Majlis speaker. Hashemi-Rafsanjani then spoke on the appreciation of the imam of the nation regarding the selfless efforts and operations of the Guards Corps. He addressed those present:

We are aware of the depth of the activities of the counterrevolution and resistance, and we recognize the trends that began in 1962. We fully realize the grave dangers that they can create for the Islamic Republic. Due to this, we have great respect for your work.

The Islamic Majlis speaker warned of the threat the Islamic Republic constantly faces from the resistant minigroups: When the war started, we were not concerned about the toppling of the Islamic regime, but we knew that these resistant minigroups posed a serious danger and are the hope of the Eastern and Western superpowers. However, these minigroups had no influence among the people so they could not have maintained author-

ity later. The strategy of the foreign powers was that their agents should threaten us internally and then they would plant their own officials in the administration.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani then referred to the border incidents in Kordestan, Baluchestan, and Torkamen Sahra, Khuzestan and Azarbayjan, adding: In the beginning, the hypocrites, Tudehis, Feda'iyan — majority and minority groups, who were intrinsically the same, the Peykaris and the Forqanis, who had deceived numerous enthusiastic young people, penetrated the ranks of the people like a canker, a disease, into the schools and universities, government departments, factories and stores and set up a dangerous cancerous network. They opened up a backdoor in the country toward the outside, thus obtaining their livelihood from the East and the West as well as from the reactionaries of the region.

In another part of his speech, the Islamic Majlis speaker called the mode of tackling the operations by the brothers of the unit of vigilance and supervision and information and operations of the Guards Corps, miraculous. While thanking and lauding them, he said: We hope that you reach the level where you can lay your experiences at the disposal of the Islamic nations and do now allow a Muslim country like Lebanon to be taken away from the fold of Islam, thus forcing the Muslims of that country to face hardships.

In conclusion, Hashemi-Rafsanjani referred to the Majlis approval of the plan for the setting up a Ministry of Information and said: The Ministry of Information is a center for all affairs pertaining to information and the minister for information should be pious so that he may enlighten the path of those who work. This is one of the fundamental measures.

Radio Iran Comments on New Information Ministry
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[Text] Following the approval of the Islamic Majlis, the spying organization of the Islamic Republic will start operation under the name of the Ministry of Information. It is said that SAVAMA will continue its work as usual as an independent organization without government supervision and the new ministry will be merely a facade with no influence.

Political circles in Tehran have said that some of the religious sources are endeavoring to banish Mohsen Reza'i from the Guards Corps and are trying to nominate him as the minister of information. Rafiqdust, minister of the guards, will have the opportunity to secure his position as commander of the Guards Corps after the appointment of Mohsen Raza'i as the minister of information.

A few days ago, the Pakistani newspaper *Mashriq* indicated that armed clashes once again have occurred between the supporters of Rafiqdust and the followers of Mohsen Raza'i.

Khomeyni Receives Prosecutor General 19 May
LD191422 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] Prosecutor General Yusef Sane'i today was received by Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and presented a report on the prosecutor offices in the Ministry of Justice and on the behavior of Afghans residing in Iran.

After this meeting, in an interview with our reporter concerning the issues discussed in the presence of the imam of the nation, the prosecutor general said:

[Begin recording] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. One of the issues discussed was a report about the activities of prosecutor offices and the prosecutors and assistant prosecutors who do an important job for the revolution. I informed the imam of the nation of their efforts and told him that the gentlemen in the prosecutor offices are working well, files are being drawn up, and side by side with those assistant prosecutors who are familiar with the law, we are also making use of the members of religious seminaries and clergymen as assistant prosecutors. The tollab [religious jurists] of the Qom religious seminary have welcomed this work and the tollab and some other religious seminaries which have also been approached have shown interest. We hope that in the prosecutor offices as in the courts, there will be cooperation between the members of the clergy and the beloved ones and friends among the lawyers.

The second issue which I brought to the attention to the imam was a report about the Afghans who are delivering blows in this country, who are wicked and evil individuals, who are committing treason, and are violating people's property and people's lives. Of course, these are the evil ones among the Afghans, and these evil individuals are commiting these crimes. I told him that the judiciary and the prosecutor's office are decisively confronting them and we will continue to do so. Divine punishments should be administered regardless of individuals.

The third issue concerned Qom's high courts. There was a question which I put to the imam of the nation and he graciously answered it, so that Qom's high courts can carry out their work faster and better. There was also a brief report about other regions which I submitted to the imam of the nation.

These were the issues discussed with the imam and he expressed his views. [end recording]

Ayatollah Meshkini Comments on Tudeh Party
LD131803 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 May 83

[Excerpts] In his second sermon at today's Friday prayers in Qom, Ayatollah Meshkini referred to the arrest and confessions of the mercenary leaders of the treacherous Tudeh Party.

He said: The treacherous leaders of this party have confessed their betrayal of Islam. This development is a great victory for Islam and the martyr-nurturing nation of Iran.

He added: Before this event, as a result of the occupation of the nest of spies by the Muslim student followers of the imam's policy line, America was defeated by the Islamic Republic of Iran. That event showed the world the real face of America. Now, as a result of the brother guards' efforts in arresting the Tudeh leaders, the face of the East as well as of the Tudeh Party — which was the East's direct agent — has been exposed to the world. This is a dimension of the Islamic Republic of Iran's policy of neither East nor West, and we congratulate this victory of the world's Muslims and the martyr-nurturing nation of Iran.

Concluding his remarks on this topic, the Friday imam of Qom asked the country's judicial officials to deal firmly with the mercenary leaders of the treacherous and defunct Tudeh Party.

Radio Iran Cites Arrests, Shooting of 2 Baha'is

GF191852 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] While the communist organs have only been counting the arrested Tudeh Party members in Iran, world political circles have counted those arrested in the thousands. Human rights groups have said that a great number of people opposed to Khomeyni have been arrested in night raids in several Iranian cities by the Iranian security forces on charges of being associated with the Tudeh Party.

Another news report issued by the Baha'i council in France said that two Baha'is, Jalal Hakimian and Sohel Safa'i, were shot 1 May in Tehran. These two had been in prison in Esfahan since September 1982.

Majlis Deputies Urge Moves Against 'Minigroups'

[Editorial Report] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian at 1030 GMT on 15 May carries an 8-minute report on deputies' speeches at the 15 May Majlis session. The announcer first reports on a speech by the deputy for Aligudarz. He says: "Concluding his remarks, the deputy for Aligudarz pointed out instances of negligence among the higher echelons concerning infiltrating elements of minigroups, particularly of the traitorous Tudeh Party."

The announcer then cites remarks by Seyyed Ahmad Zarhani, Majlis deputy for Dezful, in connection with the Iraqi missile attack on Dezful. The announcer says: "Continuing his remarks, he also criticized the efficiency of the Oil and the Commerce Ministries during the imposed war, particularly during the past year. He also called on the Supreme Defense Council and military commanders to devise ways to silence the destructive enemy missiles."

The announcer ends his report by citing the address by Mullah'Abdollah Suri, deputy for Saqqez and Baneh, concerning operations by minigroups in the Kurdish region, who is quoted as saying: "So far they have martyred about 30 clergymen, for they realize that clerics are the instruments of awakening and awareness for the region's muslims." The announcer further cites the mullah's address, saying: "Referring to the martyrdom of Mullah Mohammad Kamel Naqshbandi, who was martyred a few days ago, he called on the military and security forces to take stronger measures to halt the counterrevolutionary criminals who have built their nest in Saqqez."

Radio Iran Report

GF151846 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 15 May 83

[Text] In continuation of the power struggle between the hojjatiyeh and the imami factions, the Bo'in Zahra deputy in the Majlis called the Cabinet of Khomeyni's prime minister, Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, weak, incapable, and unable to manage. The Dezful deputy attacked the oil and commerce ministers as well as a number of other leaders of various organizations in the Islamic Republic. We heard this on the Iranian regional [as heard] radio, the one that carries live broadcasts of the Majlis session.

In this morning's session, the Saqqez deputy announced that the Friday imam of the city appointed by Khomeyni was killed by the opposition forces.

Commentary Views Failed Plan for Kordestan

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] In our program today, we will comment on Kordestan, the Kordestan which the century's mother of corruption and archsatan, the bloodthirsty United States, and other world-devouring criminals planned to turn into a second Israel in the region; the Kordestan wherein 3 days after the victory of the revolution a number of venal individuals emerged in the name of the Kurdish people, even though they attached no value to the people of Kordestan except in misusing its name, race, and faith. They in turn spawned tens of groups, organizations, and parties, like mushrooms, with no intellectual or political credit and based on the policy course of antagonism and opposition to Islam, the system of the Islamic Republic, and the Koran in accordance with the plans and schemes of their Eastern and Western masters and with the backing of the military and financial assistance of the Iraqi Ba'thist hireling regime; the Kordestan which, had it been free of the machinations of these minigroups, could, thanks to advancements in and attention paid to agriculture and stock-breeding, and to its favorable climate, secure the needs of several other provinces apart from the primary needs of its own province.

Yes, our talk concerns a people which is now free from the yoke of 2,500 years of oppression, a people which, during the era of satan's regime, enjoyed nothing except oppression, injustice,and whoredom; a people on whom was imposed a hireling Friday imam in the pay of the shah's court; a people on whom was imposed a full-fledged lackey and servant of the foreigners as a

governor-general thanks to the erroneous policies of the ad interim government following the victory of the revolution, a governor-general who, instead of devoting the provincial budget toward the development of the province, securing houses for the Muslim Kurdish people and strengthening industry and agriculture in the region, divided funds in a so-called just manner among counterrevolutionary groups.

Following this, the arrival of a so-called good-will mission, sent to come to terms with the subservient and power-seeking mini groups, the political situation in Kordestan advanced toward a situation advantageous to the United States. Very little time was left before the proclamation of independence of a so-called free Kordestan, that is, a second Israel! Had it not been for the heroic resistance of Islam's combatants — whether the Armed Forces, the corps or the Muslim Kurdish peshmergas, the plans of U.S. politicians might have been translated into action. The Muslim Kurdish people, despite bullying and pressures brought to bear by the minigroups subservient to East and West, resisted, and, in order to establish Islam's sovereignty over Kordestan gave a great many martyrs, such as the Namakis and Sheblis, along the path of righteousness.

Yes, today the sapling which has grown thanks to the blood of the Namakis, Sheblis, and other precious martyrs who gave their lives along the path for oppressed Kordestan's salvation from the criminal clutches of the hirelings in the pay of East and West, is burgeoning and bearing fruit. Today, thanks to the shade of the good tree of Islamic sovereignty and its liberation from the bloody talons of counterrevolution, dear Kordestan, together with the rest of the Islamic nation is ready for the salvation of dear Jerusalem — God willing!

IRNA: Afghan Mujahidin Execute 12 Spies

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[Text] Zahedan, May 19, IRNA — Continuing their search for the enemy agents, Afghan mujahideen last week identified and executed after a court-martial 12 spies who had infilterated their ranks, reported the informed sources.

Muslim Afghan mujahideen destroyed a tank and an oil tanker killing their crews few days ago in Bazar Aziz region, two kms from military airport of Shindand the report added.

Later the Soviet invaders carried out air strikes against Abdulaziz village near Bazar Aziz, by helicopters and MIG planes, said the informed sources. As a result of the air raid the villagers sustained heavy damages, while a mujahid was martyred and 8 civilians were injured.

Ministers Meet With Bulgarian Economic Delegation

LD192103 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] The Bulgarian economic delegation, led by the Bulgarian minister of agriculture and currently on a visit to Tehran, this afternoon met with Agriculture and Rural Development Salamati in the Ministry of Agriculture building.

During the meeting,an agreement for cooperation in agricultural problems was signed by the two countries. In accordance with this agreement, the two countries will cooperate in forestry affairs, animal husbandry, research, and training.

This afternoon, the Bulgarian agriculture minister, the deputy foreign trade minister, and the rest of the Bulgarian delegation met and conferred with Commerce Minister 'Asgar-Owladi-Mosalman.

In this meeting, 'Asgar-Owladi-Mosalman said: These visits will be very effective for our relations. Views were then exchanged regarding the expansion of Iran's nonoil exports to Bulgaria as well as the fulfilling of some of Iran's requirements by Bulgaria. It was hoped that with such cooperation between officials of the two countries, the bulk of trade exchanges between them would increase in the coming years.

The Bulgarian agriculture minister said: In my visits to several agricultural institutions in Iran during the past few days, I have noticed that the morale of the Iranian nation is based on the idea that it will walk toward development in a calm atmosphere.

Talks also were held on the export of ores and some agricultural and technical products to Bulgaria.

In conclusion, the Bulgarian agriculture minister invited our commerce minister to visit Bulgaria on behalf of the Bulgarian foreign trade minister.

Briefs

Transportation Protocol With Turkey — Tehran, May 19 (IRNA) — A protocol of cooperation was signed this afternoon between the visiting Turkish railroads delegation and the Iranian railroads undersecretary in charge of technical affairs. The railroads public relations section announced that the Turkish delegation had reached agreement with Iran on an increase in the transportation volume of goods for one million tons per year, by the Turkish railroads. In addition, a daily train with a capacity of 1,000 tons of goods will be dispatched to Turkey from Iran and at least two trains with a capacity of 2,000 tons a day will run from Turkey to Iran via the Razi border to Tabriz. The protocol will be effective starting June 20th. [Text] [Tehran IRNA in English 2004 GMT 19 May 83 LD]